

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

I should not have to have a hearing test to purchase a hearing aid. If I do then the FDA should have to pay for it & also the 900⁰⁰ difference it would cost me to get ~~one~~ a hearing aid if I could not get one through the mail.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

I have had a hearing test - but I was not going to pay 1200⁰⁰ for one hearing aid, when I could get one through the mail for 300⁰⁰. Does the same job as the expensive one & why should I have to pay an audiologist 50⁰⁰ or 60⁰⁰ when I can test one free.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

I should be able to decide for myself if I want a hearing test or an eye test - The FDA should have nothing to do with it.

It is my constitutional right to decide for myself.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

If I cannot purchase a hearing aid through the mail, I will not be able to hear because I cannot afford the 1200⁰⁰ for a hearing aid through one of the conglomerates - Big business is trying to control the lives of our lives, as is the government.

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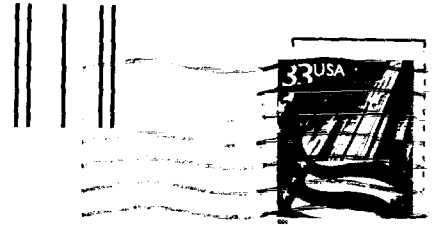
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